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SUBJECT: MRS MEIR RESIGNS

1. ISRAEL RADIO JUST BEFORE 7PM LOCAL TIME REPORTED MRS MEIR'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO LABOR PARTY EXECUTIVE AND KNESSET DELEGATION THAT SHE WILL PRESENT HER RESIGNATION TO PRESIDENT KATZIR. HER DECISION CAME AT CONCLUSION OF UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO FIND FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO ALL FACTIONS OF PARTY TO RESOLVE LATEST GOVERNMENT CRISIS.

2. MRS MEIR'S RESIGNATION BECOMES OFFICIAL ONLY AFTER PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT. NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE OF WHEN THIS WILL TAKE PLACE. ONCE HER RESIGNATION IS OFFICIAL, CURRENT GOVERNMENT AUTOMATICALLY BECOMES CARETAKER ONE.

3. MRS MEIR WILL ANNOUNCE HER RESIGNATION IN KNESSET APRIL 11. SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES LIE AHEAD: A) LABOR PARTY WILL TURN TO SOMEONE ELSE TO TRY TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT; B) IF THIS EFFORT FAILS, LABOR LEADERSHIP WILL BE FORCED TO ASK FOR NEW ELECTION; C) LIKUD AND NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY WILL RENEW THEIR CALL FOR NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT.

4. NEW ELECTION WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE FOR AT LEAST THREE-FOUR MONTHS.

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5. HOWEVER CRISIS IS HANDLED, ISRAEL NOW FACES PROLONGED PERIOD OF POLITICAL INSTABILITY AS LABOR PARTY FACES TWOFOLD CHALLENGE: SEARCH FOR NEW LEADER AND EFFORT TO PREVENT SPLIT.
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